Bristol. October ~~17~~ 16th 1851.
Thursday

My dear Mrs Chapman.

This letter will be but a late acknowledgement of the affectionate effusions of hearts & pens with which we were gratified so soon after you had quitted our roof, & which must have been expressed at a time when preparations for your departure to Paris rendered every minute precious to you. You did not however miscalculate our feelings, if you conjectured that our breakfast table needed to be cheered by more vivid evidences than simple recollection would supply, of the endeared friends who had so recently brightened & animated it. I trust Mary has assured you fully

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how much we appreciated, ~~the~~
& were comforted by the many proofs
of your friendly regard that morning's
post conveyed to us. It has
been from no want of inclination,
that I have not sooner written to
you; ~~but~~ and I should have no fear of your
undervaluing the hindrances to my
doing so, did you know the manner
in which the minutes, & the strength
I had ~~were complete~~ have been em-
ployed from the time you left
Bristol to the present hour:—
with little interval, they have been
devoted to the objects (alas! how
~~in~~ uninfluentially) which engross
your time, heart & thoughts.

We calculated that Mr. Thompson
would let you see, on the Saturday of your
departure from London, the Bristol
Examiner which I had directed
to be forwarded to him by the
night post. many hours before

it is circulated in Bristol. Mr Charlton's letter seemed to demand an answer from me, & though I do not like often to bring myself *personally* in propriâ personâ before the readers of newspapers, I did not hesitate to do so on this occasion. ~~al~~ altho' I thought I had expressed myself rather strongly with regard to Mr C's letter, but I have been pleased at receiving some compliments for my *mildness* from those men who, I expected, would have sympathized with R. C. From Mr C. himself (as you have seen & will see) an amount of approbation was received far beyond my expectations.

Last week I went to Brighton to see Miss Ames, & on the journey to London Mr Charlton *advisedly* came into the carriage where I was *alone*, seated. His *friendliness* was extreme, but he evinced ~~still~~ more shallowness of mind

& more unacquaintance with the A.S
cause, than even I expected to find in
him. He told me he was urged by Jos.
Eaton to write his letter: that when
written he was appalled at the awful
sentiments he was giving publicity to,
but seeing the beautiful sentiments
of E. Burritt, he thought its insertion
wd prove an antidote to any evil
likely to arise from H.C.W.'s blasphemy
He had heard Garrison at Exeter Hall
formerly, when his ~~statements~~ declarations were
so disgusting to his audience that
they had hardly patience to hear him.
This was about the extent of his
arguments - He admitted that he
had made a blunder in not seeing
me before the Meeting in Bristol -
It is really beautiful to have such
an ardent defender of the Broad St
Society for an opponent: he will do
the cause vastly more good in that
position than if he were an ally

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2d/ of ours. I gave him a Liberator to read to comfort him, & I am determined to insist upon his reading that of the 19th. Sep. with W. L. G's interesting letter to Mr Grant.

As I passed thro' London, this day week I had a pleasant interview with Mr G. I was somewhat alarmed by the account Miss Weston read us of W. L. G's "burning indignation" at Mr Grant's articles, & the fears my "friend" & others had, that he would assail Mr G in his fierce manner when round, so I thought it well to prepare Mr G. for what might come to him in a day or two. I told him W. L. G. was greatly pained at the article in the M. A. that he fancied its Ed. might have attacked Scoble from some private causes, & not have his heart so thoroughly in the movement as some of his statements led one to suppose. Mr Grant was evidently much annoyed at such a supposition: he said Mr Garrison's distrust of him without any sufficient proof, betrayed want of tact, want of judgment, & great want of candour, & tended to confirm his impression that W. L. G. must be deficient in those qualities essential to his being a safe & discreet leader in the A. S. cause. He said he had never received anything but ~~Scoble~~ civilities from J. Scoble, & that his present difference with S. was ~~rather~~ the severance of a friendship, & not the renewal of a feud. After a time I was able to pacify him, & he never hesitated to give W. L. G. credit for unselfish devotion to the Abol.n cause in all that he said & did. As Mr G. was very desirous I should see him again, & take tea with him on my return thro' Town, I at once acceded, & made my arrangements accordingly, to be with him on Monday afternoon, & kept my appointment. He, Miss Grant, & the youngest daur. were at home, & we had very pleasant

2 hours chat. The visit gave me the opportunity of introducing my pupil to a more advanced department of Anti-slavery studies. He had just received 2 N. Stars, & said how tame & uninteresting F. D's paper had become. This enabled me to explain to him how F. D. may be considered as having relinquished the A. S. cause (proper) for a political party, which undertakes to deal with slavery only to a limited extent, & in as one of many other social & political grievances. And then I pointed out to him, how, as soon as Douglass had deserted the true colors he was taken up by, & himself took up, the B. & F. A. S. Soc: this was an important moral to the tale, & I think G. took it in — may he remember it!   I have also laboured to impress upon him that no dallying or parleying must be held with the Quaker supporters of the Broad St. fac. — that they were

really & truly the great obstructors of the
cause at present, & I strengthened &
elucidated my argument by you
diagram: so that I left him (tho'
he left first) with considerable com-
placency at the manner, & apparent
comprehensibility in which I had
delivered my lecture: but I am n
high minded: the vanity of too much
confidence in the most able instru-
tions, has too often been found abo
me: even Miss Weston does not
always succeed with her pupils.

From Mr G.'s I repaired to Moore
St, & spent another very agreeable
two hours with Geo. Thompson. (Mrs
T. was much out of the room; — not
so his intelligent daughter) Mr T.
had just received a long letter from Mr
Garrison which he read to me, as well
as Lib.rs of Feb: 19 - & 26, the former
having (which he also read to me) the
admirable letter of W. L. G. to Mr
Grant. It is all that I could wish
it to be, & will be an invaluable

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3/ document here. Mr. T. talked of going soon to Paris. Perhaps you will have not yet seen the Lib.r of the 19th? The moderation, feeling, & ~~admirable~~ sound line of argument ~~tenderly~~ he exhibited in this letter, made me ~~feel~~ a little doubtful how far I had been discreet in saying so much about the subject to Mr Grant as I had done, so I thought it prudent to call in Fleet Street on Tuesday morning instead of coming home early in the day. Mr. G. was within, & I found he had not received the Lib.r I told him the tenor of W. L. G.'s letter & he seemed satisfied — relieved I think. I offered to let him see the Lib.r as Mr. Thompson had given me one of his copies in exchange for a paper of mine, but Mr G. did not press this; ~~he~~ and as he expressed his intention of not pursuing the controversy with W. L. G. I commended his determination, & thought it best to let the Liberator

come to him in its legitimate way,
for I presume one will be sent to
him. My impression is, that Mr
G. has found out that he has made
statements of his recollection of a
speech of W. L. G.'s in London, which
he finds no means whatever of
verifying; — on the contrary, that
all accessible printed reports of what
Garrison did say, are opposed to these
recollections ~~supported by~~ of Mr Grant's,
~~to be constantly diff furnished by his~~
~~memory~~. I expect he will back
out of the dispute: — it would be very
satisfactory if he were to acknowledge
his mistake; but this I do not
imagine he will do: he is thoroughly
possessed of the notion, that he went
to the Meeting disposed to be pleased
with Mr Garrison, & left it depressed
& dispirited by the manner in
which W. L. G. advocated the cause.

Perhaps his orthodoxy or sectarianism
were more in the way of his mental
vision then, than they are now.

I was very desirous that our Boston
friends should understand Mr. Gurney,
& not be inclined to consider an honest
but uninformed Abolitionist, as a
traitor to the cause; and so while at
Brighton, I wrote to my "friend," of
course, knowing that what I said could
have no influence upon Mr. Gurney's
coming article, but might be of
future service. You will probably
think that I have unnecessarily
dilated upon our London ally in this
letter, but my appreciation of Mr.
G's value to the cause is very high.
& I am anxious for others to have
the same view. I am, at the same
time well aware that there is dan-
ger, in his yet untrained state, of
his own, than "bolting" as sporting

men speak of some racers, who are not so
much to be depended on as their backers
would wish, yet be maybe able & willing
to run many a good race with out
any want of steadiness.

Mr Grant was full of encouragement
at one of the "bills of lading" I showed
him, & one of Mr Freeman's letters,
& asked for a copy for the M.C.
I suppose there is no objection to
his having one?

I trust we are now in a fair
way to get up a little schism on the
A.S. question among the Quakers.
The heads of the Body have spoken
the word of command, & the majority
will obey; but I trust a few will be
unfaithful to their leaders. It will
be curious if these Friends, who
arrogate to themselves extraordinary
merit & unction in this cause

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should have to defend themselves
against the charge, which we shall
aim to establish against them, of
being, as supporters of the Broad St
Soc'y the principal Obstructors
to ~~the~~ useful effort in this country
in favour of the American slave.
Miss Waring has just had a re-
gular New Organ'n letter from a
rich quaker Uncle at Neath.-
But I will bring my epistle to a
conclusion, regretting that I have
not had time for other topics.-
Mr. Latrobe's letter,- long & labored
letter, I read attentively. It quite
shows out the pro-slavery spirit,
and will be useful as a specimen
of ~~that~~ one genus of supporters of the
"peculiar institution." I thought
it very clever in the writer not to
pretend that the Coloniz'n Society ef-
fected much in thinning the free-

colored population of the U.S. by direct efforts; it had laid a foundation upon which a superstructure could now be easily laid by continued opposition to, & ill treatment of the colored people, for it really amounts to that. The *Chr. Register* has the letter

Understanding Mary was writing to Miss Weston, I have taken up my pen to address you. So large was my ~~amount~~ debt of epistolary gratitude, & so numerous my creditors, that I was almost perplexed whom first to make a remittance to: but I have such an unbounded respect for the claims of *primogeniture* in a social, if not in a legal point of view, that my duty appeared clear. with ~~To~~ Emma however, I have had as much communication "as circumstances would allow", and it has been a trouble to me that both Mrs Ames & I missed seeing her at Brighton –

Miss Weston kindly inquired for Miss Ames. After her return from Paris, she had almost total loss of sight of the left eye, preceded by headache, & accompanied by intolerance of light, & deep seated inflammation. She was much better when I left her, but could not read the largest letter with the affected eye: her Brighton doctors are rather more sanguine of a complete restoration than I am.

Miss Grant's eyes are quite well. I hear her sister has been ill in Paris.

To Miss Weston, Lizzie & Annie

offer my kind love, and believe, my
dear Mrs. Chapman

Your affectionate friend

J. B. Estlin

I am in communication with Mr. Foley about a frame for the Medallion. Please to tell Miss Weston, the plate of my portrait is gone to London to have some impressions taken

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